

# 2025 Driftless District Camporee

## Leaders Guide

Ed Bryant Scout Reservation

N6960 County Rd G, Mauston, WI 53948

Friday April 25, 2025 - Sunday April 27, 2025

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## Welcome, Scouts and Scouters!

You are invited to join us at the inaugural Driftless District Spring Camporee at Ed Bryant Scout Reservation.

This weekend will be our first camporee as a new district and we're looking to continue the Mohawk district tradition of great camporees. During the event participants will learn about geocaching and orienteering and will take part in a camp-wide geocache hunt. I look forward to participants being able to kick-off the 2025 camping season while learning and refining their skills.

This event is planned as a 2-night activity for troops and crews. It is also open to cub scouts as a day activity on Saturday, however cubs cannot stay overnight.

I hope to see you all there!

Ethan Grindle  
Driftless District Camping Chair

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### REGISTRATION AND FEES

Registration and fees are online at [https://scoutingevent.com/620-caching\\_castle\\_rock](https://scoutingevent.com/620-caching_castle_rock)  
Fees include activities, Saturday lunch, and a commemorative patch.

**Note: Registration closes 4-19-2025 11:59 PM**

Cub scouts of all ages are encouraged to attend as a day activity on Saturday. Activities for cubs will start at 9:00 AM and will conclude by 5:30PM.

Troops and crews, all adults staying overnight in connection with a Scouting activity must be registered as adult volunteers. Adult volunteers must register in the position(s) they are serving in. Registration as a merit badge counselor position does not meet this requirement. Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including all meetings. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth or female adult program participants.

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/yp-faqs/>

### HEALTH FORMS

**A PRINTED copy of current health forms, Parts A and B, MUST be turned in at check-in for all participants (including adults).** These forms **WILL NOT** be returned at the end of the Camporee. Units must also have health forms for all participants at their campsites.

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/medical-formfaqs/>

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## ARRIVAL and CHECK-IN

Troops and crews may arrive at EBSR on Friday after 5:00 PM. Units will be welcomed at **Peter Rice** to check-in. A unit roster of all participants and health forms must be turned in at check-in. All vehicles **must return** to the parking lot after unloading. Trailers may remain at the campsites. Contact the camporee chair if you have someone who requires a vehicle in camp due to medical or mobility concerns.

Cubs may arrive at EBSR on Saturday starting at 8:00 AM. They will be welcomed at **Peter Rice** to check-in. A health form must be turned in at check-in. After check-in, cubs will join the activities at Fellowship Hall.

## CAMPSITE SELECTION

Campsites are available for all troops and crews however requests for a specific site will be on a first come first serve basis. Please reserve your site through the Glacier's Edge Council website or by contacting Ethan Grindle or Mitch Russ using the contact information on the title page. If you do not specify your preference prior to the event, a site will be chosen for you.

## FIRST AID

Units are responsible for handling the administration of medicine and basic first aid. Any injuries beyond the unit's capability should be referred to the camporee staff and medical officers. All injuries should be reported to the camporee staff.

## CAMP RULES

All participants must follow the Guide to Safe Scouting, Youth Protection Guidelines, and the Scout Oath and Law.

## MEALS

A camp-wide lunch will be provided on Saturday. **Units will be responsible for bringing all other meals.**

## UTILITIES, RESTROOMS, and TRASH

- Potable water may not be available at all campsites but will be available at Fellowship Hall.
- Most campsites do not have electricity. Contact the camporee staff if you need electricity for CPAP or other medical reasons.
- Mobile phone coverage is limited.
- All campsites have latrines, and flushable toilets and heated showers are available at Fellowship Hall.
  - Units should plan to bring hand sanitizer for the latrines at their campsite.
- Trash pickup will not be provided. Units must pack your trash and take it to the dumpsters at the camp entrance on Sunday morning.

## DEPARTURE

Troops and crews should check out as a unit. Please check out with the Camporee Staff at **Peter Rice** prior to departure. Practice outdoor ethics skills and leave your campsite better than you found it.

Cubs should check out prior to their departure Saturday evening. Please check out with the Camporee Staff at **Fellowship Hall**.

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## GEAR

All participants are encouraged to wear their Field Uniforms (Class A) to flags and the after-dinner program. Activity Uniforms (Troop T-Shirt/Scout T-Shirt) or other activity-appropriate wear are permitted. Please dress appropriately for the weather. Spring weather can be unpredictable, so please prepare for temperature extremes, intense sun, wind, and/or precipitation.

### Required Items (Cubs, Scouts, and Venturers):

- **BSA Health Medical Form Parts A & B – One Copy will be turned into the camporee staff during check-in. This copy will not be returned to the unit/scout. All units staying overnight must have a second copy for their records.**
  - **Q: Who needs to complete an Annual Health and Medical Record?"**
  - **A: All participants must complete Parts A and B (both pages) for all scouting activities.**
    - All participants, includes parents, guardians, siblings, youth, staff, and unit leaders.
    - Though Part C is only required for participation in events lasting longer than 72 hours, all participants are encouraged to complete this pre-participation physical during an annual exam performed by a licensed healthcare provider.
- Personal medications
- Compass
- GPS Unit
  - A dedicated GPS unit or mobile device with a geocaching application (suggest apps will be shared prior to the event) is encouraged, with at least one for each group of four to five scouts
  - For those using mobile devices, it is expected that the device will be used only for finding geocaches during the event not for games, social media, etc.
  - Glacier's Edge Council has a few GPS units available for loan if participants need to borrow one during the event
- Paper with a pen or pencil
- Water bottle
- Field uniform (Class A) and Activity shirt (Troop/Scout T-Shirt)
- Jacket (rain and/or winter depending on weather)
- Closed-toed shoes
- Hand sanitizer, insect repellent, sunscreen
- First Aid Kit
- Scout Handbook (for those wishing have requirements signed off)
- YPT for all adults
- A GOOD Scouting attitude

### Suggested Items (Overnighters):

- Tent with ground cloth
- Bedroll or sleeping bag, ground pad
- Pillow
- Clothing appropriate for the weather
- Extra change of clothes

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- Pajamas/nightwear
- Toiletries (soap, towel, toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, deodorant)
- Mess kit (bowl, spork, mug in a mesh bag)
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Folding chair

## LEADERS

Ensure your Scouts have the BSA Ten Essentials.

## WHAT NOT TO BRING TO CAMP

Alcohol, firearms, guns, ammunition, fireworks, illegal drugs, pets, scooters, skates, skateboards, and valuables.

## THE EVENTS

This camporee will be split into two portions, morning learning sessions and an afternoon geocache hunt. More details will be shared at the leaders meeting Friday night for the units staying overnight and upon check-in for those arriving Saturday morning.

## MORNING LEARNING SESSIONS

The morning portion will consist of a rotation of multiple stations where participants will learn the basics of geocaching and orienteering. These stations will be located near Fellowship Hall.

The stations will cover:

- Using GPS Units
- Using a compass, reading maps, and measuring your pace
- Geocaching basics
- Geocaching and orienteering safety
- Geocaching ethics

## GEOCACHE HUNT

The afternoon portion will consist of a geocache hunt with dozens of caches hidden throughout camp. Participants will split into teams (preferably groups of four to five) and each team will receive a playing card. Each cache will contain a stamp or keyword which will be placed in the corresponding box on the team's playing card. Teams will also sign the log with their team's name.

A booklet containing the coordinates for the geocaches will be provided to the teams along with a gpx file which will be shared to all those using capable devices. Stay tuned for further details on suggestions for smart phone geocaching applications which will make using the gpx file easier.

The geocache hunt ends at 4:30. One member of each team must be in line with their playing card by 4:30 to turn in their playing cards. The card turn-in will begin at 4:00 for teams who finish early. **The card turn-in station will be at Fellowship Hall.** Cards will be voided and turned back to the participants as a souvenir of the event.

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## **ADVANCEMENT AND MERIT BADGES**

This event will not cover all requirements either the Geocaching or Orienteering merit badge. If any participants interested in earning a partial for either merit badge, please reach out to the camporee staff. In addition, we will be covering several rank requirements and possibly some cub activity requirements. Please let the camporee staff know if you are interested in having these items signed off.

## **WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU**

The Camporee Committee seeks adults or experienced older Scouts to assist or lead the morning sessions. These sessions will provide all Scouts with a learning opportunity geared toward HAVING FUN. In addition, we are looking for adults interested in beings staged throughout camp in the afternoon to supervise the activities. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Ethan Grindle or Mitch Russ in advance.

## **AFTER DINNER PROGRAM**

Join us after dinner for a celebration and food social in Fellowship Hall. You only need to bring yourself; food will be provided.

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## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

### FRIDAY, APRIL 25

- 5:00 – 9:00 Scoutmaster check-in at Peter Rice
- 8:45 **SPL/PL Meeting** – Senior Patrol Leaders, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Scouts in Charge, Scoutmasters from each Troop, and all event volunteers, please report to Peter Rice. Schedules will be handed out, events explained, and any last-minute updates will be shared.
- 11:00 Quiet time

### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

- 7:00 Reveille and breakfast at your campsite
- 8:30 Opening flag ceremony
- 09:00 – 11:30 Geocaching & Orienteering Sessions
- 11:30 – 12:30 Camp-wide lunch at Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 – 4:30 Camp-wide Geocache hunt
- 4:30-4:45 Playing cards turn-in at Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 Flag retirement ceremony
- 5:30 – 7:30 Evening meal and patrol time at your campsite
- 8:00 After dinner program at Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 Quiet time

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

- 7:00 – 12:00 Reveille and breakfast at your campsite  
Patrol and Troop time.  
Check-out and campsite clean-up
- 12:00 All units should be out of Camp.  
Safe Travels Home!  
See you at the Fall Council Camporee.